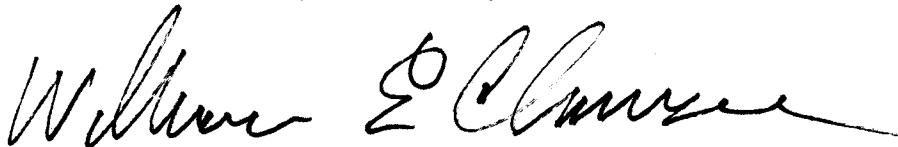


## **Testimony in support of HB288 – Depleted uranium testing for certain veterans.**

I'm very please that Representative Wiseman has introduced this important bill into the legislature. I'm a veteran of the USMC and feel that we have an obligation to the men and women that we ask to fight wars for us. Part of that obligation is to train them adequately and to provide healthcare to them when they are injured. In the case of depleted uranium (DU) we do neither. I would like to address what DU is and why it is a hazard to our troops. DU is the by product of nuclear weapons and nuclear fuel production. It is primarily U-238. We use it because it is heavy, dense and a waste product. We use it as armor on the Abrams M1A1 tank. We use it to make armor piercing rounds for the Abrams tank, the A10A Warthog, and many other weapons down to the 50 caliber machine gun. The reason this weapon is dangerous to our troops is that when it penetrates it burns and produces radioactive particles down to .1 micron which are exploded into the atmosphere. "As much as 70% of DU penetrator can be aerolized when it strikes a tank. Aerosols containing DU oxides may contaminate the area downwind. DU fragments may also contaminate the soil around the struck vehicle." (AEPI, Health and Environmental Consequences of Depleted Uranium Use in the U. S. Army: Technical Report, June 1995) These very small particles can be respired or ingested. We used 300 tons in the first Gulf War and 2,400 tons in 2003. The half life of U-238 is 4.5 billion years. The dust from these weapons is blowing around Iraq and the world. Everyone in Iraq is potentially impacted by these weapons. This is why we must have education, testing and healthcare for our troops that maybe injured by this weapon. I have attached a list of websites with more information on this subject. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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# **Depleted Uranium Websites**

This can be sent to you by e-mail from  
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## **Gulf War Vets Homepage**

<http://www.gulfwarvets.com/article.htm>

## **Physicians for Social Responsibility**

[http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=security\\_nuclear\\_legacy\\_military\\_DU links](http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=security_nuclear_legacy_military_DU_links)

## **The Uranium Medical Research Centre**

<http://www.umrc.net/>

## **The National Gulf War Resource Centre**

[http://www.ngwrc.org/Dulink/du\\_link.htm](http://www.ngwrc.org/Dulink/du_link.htm)

## **The Military Toxics Project**

<http://www.miltoxproj.org/>

## **The Campaign against DU**

<http://www.cadu.org.uk/>

## **BURNING 'DEPLETED' URANIUM: AN ENDLESS MEDICAL DISASTER**

[http://www.robert-fisk.com/depleted\\_uranium\\_links.htm](http://www.robert-fisk.com/depleted_uranium_links.htm)

## **US media censor uranium weapons stories**

## **Depleted uranium turns to poison gas**

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=NIC20050529&articleId=82>

## **When Cells Exposed To Uranium They Acquire Mutations**

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=41223>

## **Depleted Uranium**

<http://www.esr.org.nz/events/even2005/DepletedUranium.html>

## **DU behind the surge in Cancer rates in Iraq**

[http://www.gulfwarvets.com/du\\_cancer\\_rates.htm](http://www.gulfwarvets.com/du_cancer_rates.htm)

## **The Eureka Reporter**

<http://www.eurekareporter.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?ArticleID=14280>

## **Global Security – American Legion- Several pages down they get to DU**

[http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/congress/2004\\_hr/040225-duggan.htm](http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/congress/2004_hr/040225-duggan.htm)

## **DU Shrapnel – Dept of Defense**

<http://www.va.gov/OCA/testimony/hvac/sh/24ja02FM.asp>

## **Tennessee Independent Media Center**

<http://www.tnimc.org/feature/display/15765>

## **Who Can Fight for Veterans Right? – Washington Post**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/21/AR2006012100100.html>

## **Gulf War Syndrome Fact or Fiction**

<http://www.gulfwarvets.com/article.htm>

## **Birth Defects Tied to GWS**

[http://www.americanfreepress.net/06\\_29\\_03/Birth\\_Defects\\_Tied/birth\\_defects\\_tied.html](http://www.americanfreepress.net/06_29_03/Birth_Defects_Tied/birth_defects_tied.html)

## **EXTREME BIRTH DEFORMITIES**

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~stgvisie/VISIE/extremedeformities.html>

## **Let's Get The Story Straight 12 April 2004**

<http://www.bandepleteduranium.org/en/a/56.html>